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1. U.S. Patent No. 4579310 (Publication Date: April 1, 1986)
Title: Guides for Organizing Wires
Inventor(s): Peter M. Wells, William W. Shely;
2. U.S. Patent No. 6540312 (Publication Date: April 1, 2003)
Title: Cable Guide System
Inventor(s): James J. Lane;
3. U.S. Patent Application No. 20020096671 (Publication Date: July 25, 2002)
Title: Wire Platte
Inventor(s): Larry Johnson; and
4. Foreign Patent No. WO0239559 (Publication Date: May 16, 2002)
Title: Cable Installation Tool
Inventor(s): Mark Zarembo.

Copies of the above listed four (4) documents are being submitted herewith as Exhibits A, B, C, and D. A completed Form PTO/SB/08 is also attached herewith.

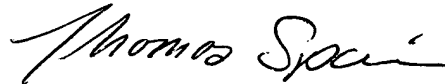
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Respectfully submitted,



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	1	US- 4579310	04-01-1986	PM Wells, WW Shely	FIG. 1
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	2	US- 6540312-B1	04-01-2003	JJ Lane	FIG. 1
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	3	US- 20020096671-A1	07-25-2002	L Johnson	FIG. 18
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	4	WO0239559	05-16-2002	M Zaremba	FIG. 1,2,3,8,10	
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